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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 03 October 2003,  
Applicants respectfully elect the claims of Group II, drawn to an absorbent material.  
Claims 16-42 are included in Group II.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

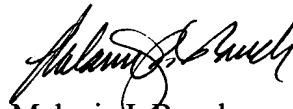
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This election is made without traverse. Applicants specifically reserve the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application. If the Examiner feels that any issues remain regarding this Restriction Requirement, then Applicants' undersigned attorney would like to discuss the case with the Examiner. The undersigned can be reached at (847) 490-1400.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie I. Rauch', written in a cursive style.

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